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The SPECTATOR.

——Cum magnis virtutibus affers
Grande ſupercilium—— Juv.

Wedneſday, April 16. 1712.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

YOU have in ſome of your Diſcourſes ‘ deſcribed moſt ſort of Women in their ‘ diſtinct and proper Claſſes, as the ‘ *Ape*, the *Coquet*, and many others; but I think you have never yet ſaid any thing of a *Devotée*. A *Devotée* is one of thoſe who diſparage Religion by their indiſcreet and unſeaſonable Introduction of the mention of Virtue on all Occaſion: She profeſſes ſhe is what no Body ought to doubt ſhe is, and betrays the Labour ſhe is put to, to be what ſhe ought to be with Chearfulneſs and Alacrity. She lives in the World and denies her ſelf none of the Diverſions of it, with a conſtant Declaration, how inſiped all things in it are to her. She is never her ſelf but at Church; there ſhe diſplays her Vertue, and is ſo fervent in her Devotions, that I have frequently ſeen her Pray her ſelf out of Breath. While other young Ladies in the Houſe are dancing, or playing at Queſtions and Commands, ſhe reads aloud in her Cloſet. She ſays all Love is ridiculous, except it be cœleſtial; but ſhe ſpeaks of the Paſſion of one Mortal to another with too much Bitterneſs, for one that had no Jealouſy mixed with her Contempt of it. If at any Time ſhe ſees a Man warm in his Addreſſes to his Miſtreſs, ſhe will lift up her Eyes to Heaven and cry, What Nonſenſe is that Fool talking? will the Bell never ring for Prayers? We have an eminent Lady of this Stamp in our County, who pretends to Amuſements very much above the reſt of her Sex. She never carrys a white ſhock Dog with Bells under her Arm, nor a Squirrel, or Dormouſe, in her Pocket, but always an abridg'd Piece of Morality to ſteal out when ſhe is ſure of being obſerved. When ſhe went to the famous Aſs-Race (which I muſt confeſs was but an odd Diverſion to be encouraged by People of Rank and Figure) it was not, like other Ladies, to hear thoſe poor Animals bray, nor to ſee Fellows run naked, or to hear Country Squires in bob Wigs and white Girdles make love at the ſide of a Coach, and cry Madam this is dainty Weather. Thus ſhe deſcribed the Diverſion; for ſhe went only to pray heartily that no body might be hurt in the Crowd, and to ſee if the poor Fellows Face, which was diſtorted with Grinning, might any Way be brought to it ſelf again. She never chats over her Tea, but covers her Face, and is ſuppoſed in an Ejaculation before ſhe taſte a Sup. This oſtentatious Behaviour is ſuch an Offence to true Sanctity, that it diſparages it; and makes Virtue not only unamiable but alſo ridiculous. The ſacred Writings are full of Reflexions which abhor this kind of Conduct; and a *Devotée* is ſo far from promoting Goodneſs, that ſhe deters others by her Example. Folly and ‘ Vanity in one of theſe Ladies, is like Vice in a ‘ Clergyman; it does not only debaſe himſelf, but ‘ makes the inconſiderate Part of the World think ‘ the worſe of Religion.

I am,

SIR,

Your humble Servant,

Hotſpur.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

‘ *Xenophon* in his ſhort Account of the *Spartan* ‘ Common-wealth, ſpeaking of the behaviour of their young Men in the Streets, ſays, ‘ There was ſo much Modeſty in their Looks, that ‘ you might as ſoon have turned the Eyes of a ‘ marble Statue upon you as theirs; and that in ‘ all their behaviour they were more Modeſt than a ‘ Bride when put to Bed upon her wedding Night: ‘ This Vertue, which is always joyn'd to Magnanimity, had ſuch an Influence upon their Courage, ‘ that in Battle an Enemy could not look them in ‘ the Face; and they durſt not but Dye for their ‘ Country.

‘ Whenever I walk into the Streets of *London* ‘ and *Weſtminſter*, the Countenances of all the young ‘ Fellows that paſs by me, make me wiſh my ſelf ‘ in *Sparta*: I met with ſuch bluſtring Airs, big ‘ Looks, and bold Fronts, that to a ſuperficial ‘ Obſerver would beſpeak a Courage above thoſe ‘ *Grecians*. I am arrrv'd to that Perfection in ‘ Speculation, that I underſtand the Language of ‘ the Eyes, which would be a great Misfortune to ‘ me had I not corrected the teſtineſs of old Age ‘ by Philoſophy. There is ſcarce a Man in a red ‘ Coat who does not tell me, with a full Stare, ‘ he's a bold Man: I ſee ſeveral Swear inwardly ‘ at me, without any Offence of mine, but the ‘ odneſs of my Perſon: I meet Contempt in every ‘ Street, expreſs'd in different Manners, by the ‘ ſcornful Look, the elevated Eye-brow, and the ſwelling Noſtrils of the Proud and Proſperous. The ‘ Prentice ſpeak his diſreſpect by an extended ‘ Finger, and the Porter by ſtealing out his Tongue. ‘ If a Country Gentleman appears a little Curious ‘ in obſerving the Edifies, Signs, Clocks, Coaches ‘ and Dials, it is not to be imagined how the polite ‘ Rabble of this Town, who are acquainted with ‘ theſe Objects, ridicule his ruſticity. I have ‘ known a Fellow with a Burden on his Head ſteal ‘ an Hand down from his Load and ſlily twirle ‘ the Cock of a Squire's Hat behind him; while ‘ the offended Perſon is Swearing, or out of ‘ Countenance, all the Wagg-Wits in the High-way are grinning in Applauſe of the ingenious ‘ Rogue that gave him the Tip; and the Folly of ‘ him who had not Eyes all round his Head to prevent receiving it. Theſe things ariſe from a general Affectation of Smartneſs, Wit and Courage:

« *Wicherly* somewhere rallies the Pretentions this « Way, by making a Fellow say, red Breeches are « a certain Sign of Valour; and *Otway* makes a « Man to boast his Agility, trip up a Beggar on « Crutches. From such Hints I beg a Speculation « on this Subject, in the mean time I shall do all « in the power of a weak old Fellow in my own « Defence; for as *Diogenes* being in quest of an « honest Man, sought for him when it was broad « Day light with a Lanthorn and Candle, so I in- « tend for the future to walk the Streets with « a dark Lanthorn which has 4 convex Christal in « it; and if any Man Stares at me, I give fair « warning that I'll direct the Light full into his « Eyes; thus despairing to find Men Modest, I « hope by this Means to evade their Impudence.

I am,

SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

Sophrosunius.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

At the Duke of Marlborough's Head in Fleet-street, in the great Room, is to be seen the famous Posture-Master of Europe, who far exceeds the deceased Posture-Master Clarke and Higgins: He extends his Body into all deformed Shapes; makes his Hip and Shoulder Bones meet together; lays his Head upon the Ground, and turns his Body round twice or thrice, without stirring his Face from the Place; stands upon one Leg, and extends the other in a perpendicular Line half a Yard above his Head; and extends his Body from a Table, with his Head a Foot below his Heels, having nothing to ballance his Body but his Feet: With several other Postures too tedious to mention. Likewise a Child about 9 Years of Age, that shews such Postures as never was seen performed by one of his Age. Also the famous English Artist, who turns his Balls into living Birds; and takes an empty Bag, which after being turned, trod, and stampt on, produces some Hundred of Eggs, and at last a living Hen. Side Boxes 4 s. Pit 1 s. To be performed at 7 a Clock this Evening, and to continue every Evening at the same Hour till Easter.

William Luce of London, Linnen-draper, having lately let his Shop at the three Nuns and Hare in Cheapside, thinks fit to let his Acquaintance and others know, that he is removed to his Warehouse in Gutter-lane the first House on the Right-hand, which said Warehouse adjoins to the said Shop, and is three Doors from the three Nuns and Hare: who hath by him a very large Quantity of all Sorts of Hollands, and abundance of them very fine for Shirting, &c. Also a large Quantity of Hollands above one ell broad, very fine, for Shirting; a very large Quantity of very fine plain Cambrick and Lawns, they being of his own Importation from Holland. Also superfine plain and strip'd Muslins, superfine Bohee and Green Tea, &c. And designs to open his Warehouse on Thursday the 17th of this Instant April, in order to dispose of them, and whoever will give themselves the Trouble to view the same, shall find such Incouragement, that he doubts not but for the future to please them.

At Fetcham in Surrey near Leathered-Bridge, is a House of two Rooms on a Floor to be Lett ready furnished, with other Conveniences if desired. Note, There is a Coach goes three Days a Week to London, and a Waggon two Days: The Place is near the Downes, and 2 Miles from Epsom. To know further, enquire of Tho. Willcox, Upholdsterer, in Bartholomew-Close; or of Samuel Wood at the Inn near the aboveside Place.

In a Cellar under Mr. Hanborow's in Buckler's-Bury near Cheapside, is continued to be sold by Retale a Parcel of choice old French Brandy, of a curious Taste and Flavour, lately imported from North-Britain, at 10 s. per Gallon. Any Person taking 10 Gallons or upwards, shall have it for 9 s. 6 d. There is likewise in the same Cellar to be sold by Retale, a Parcel of choice red Galicia Wines of last Years Growth, neat as they came from the Grape, at 4 s. per Gallon.

At the Mountain Wine-Cellar under the Royal South-Sea Coffee-house in Broad-street, is sold by Retale excellent Mountain Malaga Wine at 6 s. 8 d. per Gallon, or 12 s. 9 d. per Quart, and Red Viana Wine at 13 d. per Bottle. Such Persons as take 3 Gallons shall pay but 12 s. there being 18 Bottles, warranted all neat and pure from the Grape.

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Just Publish'd,

The 2d part of the History of Prince Mirabell's la fancy, Rise and Disgrace, with the sudden Promotion of Novice In which, are intermix'd all the Intrigues both Amorous and Poli cal, relating to these memorable Adventures; as also the Characte of the old and new Favourites in the Court of Britomarria. Collec ed from the Memoirs of a Courtier lately deceas'd. Printed for Baker in Pater-Noster-Row, and sold by B. Berington at the x-Bro End. Where may be had the first Part, Price 1 s.

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Sir Theodore Maynern's (Physitian to Ki to King Charles) Opiate for the Teeth, viz. Makes them clean white as Ivory, altho' never so black or rotten, fastneth and p serves them from thn Tooth-ach; being a most excellent thing preventing and killing the Scurvy, having nothing in it destruc to the Fibres, neither fretting nor wearing the Gums away, as is Nature of all Powders: About the Quantity of a large Pea rub hard only upon the Teeth every Morning, washing it off with Water, until you have used one of the largest Boxes, which will sufficient, unless greatly troubled with the Scurvy, and then may more as Occasion requires: It having been experienced by se Persons of Quality to be the only thing now extant. Price of Largest Box 2 s. 6 d. the lesser 1 s. 3 d. Sold at Mr. Gurret's the Royal-Exchange, Cornhill, at John's Coffee-house in Swith Ally, at the Salmon the West End of St. Paul's Church-yard, at Plough in the New-Exchange, at Will's Coffee-house at Scotland Gateway near Charing-Cross, at Oldman's Coffee-house, at Bracknock's the upper End of St. James's-street, Piccadilly.

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